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Patricia Goins-Johnson Named Warden at Patuxent Institution

Veteran administrator will replace retiring Warden John Wilt

TOWSON, MD (November 27, 2007)---Patricia Goins-Johnson has been named Warden of the Patuxent Institution, the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services' (DPSCS) renowned treatment and remediation prison in Jessup. Ms. Goins-Johnson, a veteran of more than 26 years in corrections, takes over from Warden John Wilt, who is retiring today.

Ms. Goins-Johnson has been Patuxent's Assistant Warden since 2006. Prior to her arrival there, she rose steadily through the ranks at the Division of Correction, from Correctional Officer to Director of Case Management to Facility Administrator. Warden Goins-Johnson, who holds a Bachelor's Degree in Mental Health from Morgan State University, sits on the DPSCS Female Offender Committee, and is a committee chairperson in the Department's Prison Rape Elimination Act effort.

Patuxent, led by Director Randall Nero, Ph.D., is not a part of the Maryland Division of Correction. It is a separate institution featuring a unique graded-tier program and many specialized behavior modification, treatment and remediation efforts. Patuxent has its own paroling authority (the Board of Review), and is also unique in that it houses both men (approximately 700) and women (approximately 90) in separate facilities on the same compound. It is recognized nationally for its successful treatment efforts, and for the remarkably low recidivism rate of its released offenders.

Warden John Wilt leaves corrections after a distinguished career spanning more than 37 years, during which time he served in a wide variety of posts. Most recently, Mr. Wilt, a Shakespeare fan, was responsible for bringing the first professional theatre production of Shakespeare behind the walls of a Maryland maximum-security prison.

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